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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Note by the Secretary-General

Duration and venue of the session

1. The fifty-first session of the Commission on Human Rights will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 30 January to 10 March 1995. The first meeting will be convened at 11 a.m. on Monday, 30 January 1995.

Provisional agenda

2. The provisional agenda, prepared in accordance with rule 5 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, is reproduced below.

Inter-sessional and pre-sessional working groups

3. The fifty-first session of the Commission is preceded by meetings of seven working groups in connection with the following items:

(a) Item 3: An informal open-ended working group on the organization of the work of the Commission met from 12 to 23 September 1994 (Commission decision 1994/111);

(b) Item 10 (d): An open-ended working group established to elaborate a draft optional protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and to consider the implications of its adoption and the relationship between the draft optional protocol, regional instruments and the Committee against Torture (Commission resolution 1994/40, Economic and Social Council decision 1994/250) met from 17 to 28 October 1994;

(c) Item 12 (b): The Working Group on Situations, composed of five members of the Commission, is scheduled to meet from 23 to 27 January 1995 to examine situations referred to the Commission by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII) of 27 May 1970 (Commission resolution 1990/55, Council resolution 1990/41);

(d) Item 15: The group of three members of the Commission appointed under article IX of the International Convention on Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid is scheduled to meet from 23 to 27 January 1995, to consider reports submitted by States parties in accordance with article VII of that Convention (Commission resolution 1993/10);

(e) Item 23: An open-ended working group established to draft a declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms (Commission resolution 1994/96, Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/11) is scheduled to meet from 16 to 27 January 1995;

(f) Item 24: An open-ended inter-sessional working group to elaborate a draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on involvement of children in armed conflicts (Commission resolution 1994/91, Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/10) is scheduled to meet from 31 October to 11 November 1994;

(g) Item 24 (d): An open-ended inter-sessional working group responsible for elaborating guidelines for a possible optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, as well as the basic measures needed for their prevention and eradication (Commission resolution 1994/90, Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/9) is scheduled to meet from 14 to 25 November 1994.

4. Any decisions and resolutions affecting the provisional agenda of the fifty-first session of the Commission that may be adopted by the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session will be brought to the attention of the Commission in an addendum to the present document. The annotations to the items listed in the provisional agenda will also be issued in an addendum.